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1. This communication is responsive to _____.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4.
3. The drawings filed on 20 March 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
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3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Comment

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Shimoe (US 2002/0193775 now US 6,905,565) is considered relevant to applicant's disclosure. As seen in Figures 2-4, Shimoe discloses a process for attaching continuous elastic members associated with leg openings to a disposable sanitary article product comprising the steps of feeding a continuous web coated with an adhesive agent to form first and second adhesive zones continuously extending in a longitudinal direction of the web; feeding first and second elastic members associated with the leg openings continuously extending in the longitudinal direction such that the elastic members extend across the first and second zones to describe a pair of continuous waveforms in a relationship of lateral symmetry whereby the sections of the first and second elastic members which are convexly inward and outward transversely beyond the first and second adhesive zones contract to be converged substantially into single bundles, i.e. more than one elastic member is applied for each of the first and second elastic members, so as to move toward first and second adhesive zones and are secured to the continuous web.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ginger T. Chapman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4934. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Schwartz can be reached on (571) 272-4390. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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